

TERRITORIAL NEWS.

GALLUP.

Ben Wittick has got the war fever badly and would like to be footloose just now.

Gallup has a few hundred men who are ready and eager to fight for the old flag when needed.

Mr. Weisenthaler has secured the mail carrying contract to Fort Huachuca. There is to be hereafter a daily stage.

John C. Spears was taken quite ill with neuritis in the region of the heart while at work and was brought home suffering intensely. He was confined to his room for a couple of days.

Half a hundred Gallup boys out of a thousand, 5 per cent. of the grown male population, left for Santa Fe in charge of First Lieutenant J. W. Green, to prepare to defend the flag and whip Spain. Few places will show a larger percentage on the first call.

The Gutierrez killing has resulted in another travesty on law and justice. The defendants were bailed out on insignificant bonds. In the excitement of war the *Gleaner* trusts that the people will keep their eyes open to justice at home as well as in Cuba, and watch this case.

Two young men while boxing in one of the business offices of the town got to talking of the Spanish and before they knew it, got so enthusiastic that one of them bruised and cut the nose of the other and he has been wearing court plaster since.

C. E. Newcomer, the deputy sheriff came in from the county seat, returning accompanied by John Poz who made an assault on Major Green. Poz is crazy and should be put in an asylum for a while.

JEMEZ HOT SPRINGS.

[Special Correspondence of Citizen.]

Last Saturday our population was increased by one newcomer who intends to make his permanent home with us. It was a bouncing boy, whose arrival gladdened the home of our venerable pioneer, Col. Frank Perva. As pater familias, the colonel is undoubtedly a success.

Everybody up here is now busily engaged in planting gardens and fields, and the weather is just as nice and pleasant for this purpose as could be wished for.

Fruits of all kinds will be plentiful this season, as there was not the slightest damage by frost.

Captain Tetard and wife are still with us, and the former has completely recovered from his cough.

Walter Dorder, from Bisbee, Arizona, who has received great benefit from the baths here, will visit the sulphurs for a few days, and then go on to Bland.

Ned Gold, from Santa Fe, a sufferer from diabetes, is improving greatly, and goes out hunting every day with good success.

H. J. Stephens, from Council Bluffs, is putting on flesh very rapidly and feels like a new man.

L. A. Jandt and A. J. Otero have their bath houses now in fine order and are ready for business, as are also the hotels.

BLAND.

It is expected that work will begin on the Crown Point mine next week.

The Bland mill turned out two more bars of bullion during the week and continues successful operations.

Herman Clausen's operations on the Julia, in Cobia canon, are showing that valuable property up well.

Robert Don hit, the efficient superintendent of the property, is paying off all the indebtedness of the Washington group of mines.

At the Alhambra the steel frame of the mill and machinery is being set up, and the usual extensive mining development continues.

George W. Smith and partners have finished the assessment work on the Reindeer, the valuable property belonging to them near the Alhambra.

George Buck has a force at work on the Smuggler, one of the Nomane group, under lease and bond to W. J. Cartan, and is making good headway. The work consists of driving a tunnel to cross the vein of the Smuggler.

W. H. Melbroom, formerly of Santa Fe, and now of Colorado Springs, was in Bland on Monday investigating the Cannon and Little Molhe claims for the purchase of which he is negotiating with the owners, Emer A. Wixson, George Marsh and Thomas F. Abbott.

The Julia No. 2 was recently located by Herman Clausen in Cobia canon, and from reports it is one of the big properties of the district. The vein of good-looking quartz is from twenty-five to one hundred feet wide and shows indications of possessing great value. The owners are Herman Clausen, Charles F. Yardman and Adolph J. Fischer. Extensive development was begun on this valuable property recently and will be pushed with vigor.

LA BELLE.

Merchant Bert Pratt, of Midnight, was in camp.

Prospecting is becoming lively as the snow disappears.

Messrs. Pearce and Livingston were over from Ponil park.

Harvey Finch has returned from his trip to the southern mining districts.

W. L. Terrett will visit Red River and vicinity on mining business.

A. J. Downey is much improved in health and hopes to be on duty in a few days.

Jas. Bly is reported en route from Trinidad with freight. He may take charge of the stage line.

Brigham & Terrett will resume work on the O. K. Hoisting apparatus will be put in.

The development of the Copper Glance property on Comanche creek will likely be resumed.

Messrs. Saville, Madden, Walters and Ashley packed a burro train and are in the hills for a few days prospecting.

Trout fishing is now prime and many engage in that sport. There are few finer localities for fishing parties than the neighborhood of La Belle.

The editor and the devil will visit the county capital and it is not to be inferred that the editor is always in company with the devil.

To those who do not believe in plain fly fishing it might be hinted that Dr. Galtaher and R. Nadoch can supply the approved and time-honored sort of bait.

A number of the Midnight force are about unfit for duty the illness arising from surface water in the springs. It is not wise to use too much water at any season of the year.

ALBUQUERQUE.

Joseph Bibb, the Bernalillo general merchant, was in the city.

J. T. McLaughlin, the San Pedro miner, was in Albuquerque to attend the spring races.

W. T. Oliver, of the Santa Fe railway land office, was a passenger west bound.

D. E. Morse and wife, of Grafton, N. M., are at the Highland. They will take in the spring races.

Thos. N. Wilkerson, the attorney, who was at Socorro on legal matters, returned to the city.

Mrs. Ella G. Shields, formerly of this city, is now at Santa Fe, where she will reside for a short time.

Frank George, engineer, and Chas. Turner, came in from Winslow.

Arthur Blackwell, of Trinidad, Colo., came in from the north.

Mrs. F. G. French, wife of a popular railroader at Winslow, came in from the west.

Dr. R. C. Dryden, the railway surgeon and physician at Winslow, came in from the west.

W. H. Person, representing the Smith-Premier typewriter, with Denver as his headquarters, is here.

D. S. Miller, of Hillsboro, passed through the city for Santa Fe, to attend a meeting of the penitentiary board.

Geo. J. Common, the well-known San Francisco horseman and book-maker, arrived to attend the races.

Prof. James Harvey Ward left for Portland, Oregon, after spending the past winter in this city and making a host of friends during his brief stay here.

Dr. Sloan, of Santa Fe, passed down the road bound for Rosalia hot springs, Mexico, where he hopes to receive relief from a severe attack of rheumatism.

D. A. Greenless, wife and two children, of Chicago, came in from the north.

Miss J. R. Scott, a California young lady from the "City of Angels," came in from the west.

John Becker, of Helen, and Gustav Becker, of Springville, Arizona, are attending the races.

P. F. Garrett, the popular sheriff of Dona Ana county and a horseman of wide reputation, is here to take in the spring races.

Col. J. H. Hunt, who had been at Chihuahua the past five months on a visit to his sons, Charles F. Hunt and June A. Hunt, returned to the city and left for Cimarron, Colfax county, where he will visit his son, James Hunt. He reports June Hunt in the mining and real estate business, and his son Charles in the hotel business, with Thos. Gable, late of Santa Fe, as his partner. He reports the whole Albuquerque colony at Chihuahua as prospering.

ALAMO GORDO.

T. A. Goodwin has completed his new house north of town.

Jones Bros are making adobes and will soon have a new house.

A new dining room is the latest addition in camp.

Suot, Jerry Riley has moved camp to the southeast corner of the park.

The H. Crouch grading camp is now located six miles south of here.

T. many trees recently set out in Alamogordo park are beginning to bud and shade will soon be plentiful.

T. A. Frazier is now completing his well and claims to have the best water yet found. Mr. Frazier struck water at a depth of fifty-six feet.

S. H. Sutherland, H. Kimberlin and Frank Stuart, of La Luz, passed through on the stage for El Paso.

La Luz is full of strangers hunting for locations for homes, and the mountain section is filling up rapidly. A party of sixteen families passed up James canon looking for land to locate upon.

William, the thirteen-year-old son and only child of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Carmack, died after a ten days' illness of peritonitis. Everything possible was done to save his life but the case was hopeless from the first.

Mrs. P. Coghlan, of Tularosa, who had been seriously ill for over two months, is again able to be up and about.

Mendenhall's stage makes daily trips to the end of the E. P. & N. E. track at Jarilla.

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Col Blake Speaks

To the Editor of the Optic.

LAS VEGAS, N. M., May 6th.—My attention has been called to a most malicious, false and slanderous personal attack in *El Independiente* of May 5th. While I am not in the habit of taking notice of any ordinary newspaper attacks, this is so unusually venomous and false, that it seems due to myself, family and the public at this time that it should be presented and the public truthfully informed.

The editor of the *Independiente* states in his article among other abusive, false slanders, that I have been engaged in organizing a body of men to protect Key Las Vegas against disloyal, native Mexican people and that I have stated that they were disloyal to the country and endeavored to stir up antagonism between the native people and other Americans. What motive could have prompted this editor to have penned such a false and venomous stuff in order evidently to try to destroy the friendly relations that have always been preserved between myself and family with the native people in the Territory as well as with the new comers is to me unaccountable. I am out of the newspaper business, out of politics and taking no part in public affairs except such as any private citizen has a right and duty to take. So far as taking part in any military or organization, I have simply among others, signed a roll as a member of the National Volunteer Reserve, and taken some interest in bringing this organization to the notice of others. This military movement was heartily endorsed by Gov. Otero as well as other Governors of all the states, with hundreds of other patriotic men in public and private life. It is one that any patriotic American can endorse and join no matter from what other nationality he may be descended, for taking part in this move, *The Independiente* says it thanks a certain newspaper in East Las Vegas for attempting a personal attack which it falsely says is a lie. There is, however, enough truth in this charge to warrant a statement that I should not be unprepared should such an attempt be repeated. I will now say for what I have never heard a native New Mexican speak a disloyal word against the United States and have always deprecated rumors to that effect.

Yours, F. A. BLAKE.

Word has reached the city that there is a number of cases of small pox at Sena, N. M., some thirty-five miles south of here, and that a number of children have died in the past week from the pest.

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